

# The Palestinian embassy is also puzzled by the situation



Figure 1 FAILED PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY DEMONSTRATION IN BUDAPEST ON OCTOBER 13, 2023. PHOTO: DÁNIEL ISTVÁN ALFÖLDI

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We also asked the Palestinian ambassador in Budapest, Fádi Elhousseini, about the banning of demonstrations. The head of the consulate, which has been recognized and present since 1988, told our newspaper: they strictly follow the laws and cooperate with the authorities, and they also condemn the ban on sympathy demonstrations.

*"The fact that the acknowledgment of the demonstrations was withdrawn twice surprised and shocked us"*

- said the head of the mission, who says that it is incomprehensible why people cannot express their sympathy after war crimes against Palestinians are being committed on an unprecedented scale. He added that the organizers of the demonstrations are simply not connected to any political grouping

*"I want to recognize and support the Palestinians' right to life and existence. [The demonstration] is a pure form of sympathy. To the people who are victims of atrocities, oppression and all kinds of war crimes.*

*So we respect the laws of all countries, but at the same time we think that all parties should be given the space to express their views. Especially as there were demonstrations in support of Israel. I think that in order to create a fair and balanced situation, space should also be provided for those who want to express their support for the Palestinians."*

In the past few days and weeks, we have indeed witnessed numerous stands supporting Israel and supporting the victims of Hamas terror, from lighting up buildings to sympathizing demonstrations in Hungary as well. On the other hand, the statements condemning the Israeli military action, which threatens with war crimes and potentially even genocide , and because of the suffering of the population of Gaza, were - as we wrote above - legally impossible.

*"Everyone on the planet has seen the photos and videos of the crimes committed in Palestine. (...) But just think if the victims were not Palestinians. Would it be a problem for anyone to express their sympathy and support to those who are suffering, to those killed and slaughtered by one of the world's and clearly the most advanced armies in the region? Showing some sympathy wouldn't hurt anyone. That is why we think that the position [of the government and the capital] should be reviewed"*

- The ambassador explained his position.

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